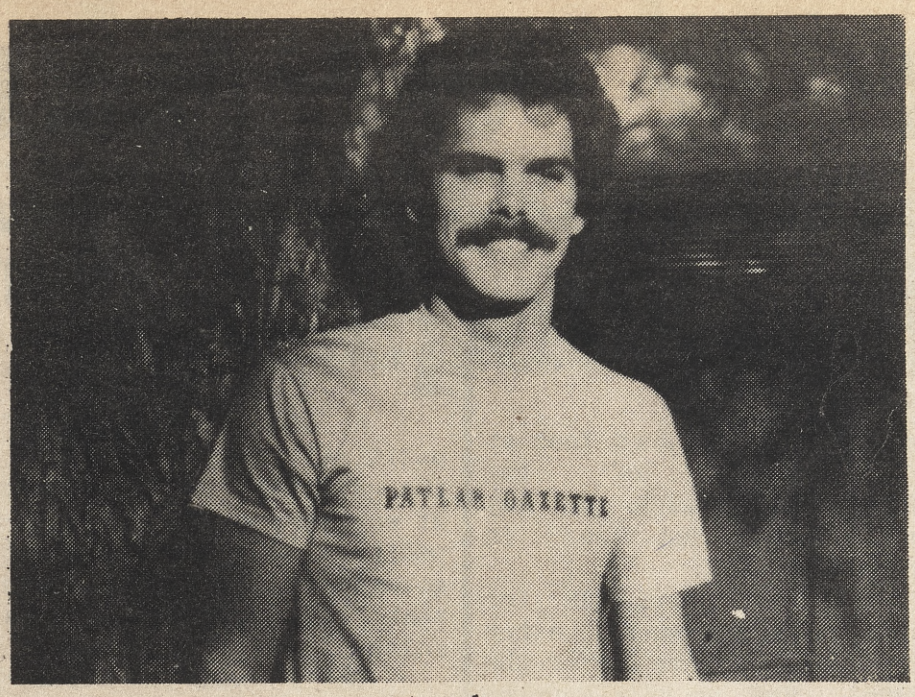
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The PATLAR GAZETTE enters its second volume year of publication with the January issue.

This paper was established as a service to the women and men of the gay community. We firmly believe that a gay press is essential to identify, articulate, and elevate issues to the collective gay consciousness.



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There are millions of gay women and men located in the cities, towns, and rural areas of America. National gay unity and commonality of purpose are essential if mainstream society is to understand and support our needs. The PATLAR GAZETTE commits itself to being in the forefront promoting this unity by serving as a bridge between communities.

We ask for your continued support in the months and years ahead. To provide the most effective service we need the continued patronage and readership of the communities which we serve.

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Voice of Gay America

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PERSONAL PRIVACY RECOMMENDATIONS

More than 80 recommendations aimed at combating sex-orientation discrimination were included in a lengthy report released this week by the Commission on Personal Privacy, a 25-member panel created in 1980 by Governor Brown to investigate sex discrimination against gays and lesbians. The report recommends that the state should take the lead in protecting the rights of homosexuals, and all citizens, from invasions of privacy by law enforcement.

The Commission also recommends improvement in the legal status of alternate families and unmarried couples.

The recommendations, virtually all of which are aimed at limiting government interference in the lives of private citizens, include:

Allowing citizens to inspect local government records containing personal information about them.

Barring clandestine video monitoring and secret police surveillance of restrooms and dressing rooms.

Making legislative and administrative actions, including amendments to fair employment and housing laws to protect gays and lesbians, and changes in government departments' policies to protect against sex-oriented discriminations.

Increasing restrictions on the use of lie detectors in the work place, including government offices and law enforcement agencies.

Adding the terms "sexual orientation," "disability," and "age" to laws which currently provide for up to $10,000 in damages to people who suffer violence directed at them because of sex, religion, national origin, or race.

Limiting the release of the names of prospective jurors and repealing current laws which allow the physical seizure of citizens for jury duty.

COORS MOVES TO END BOYCOTT

Herb Caen caused a flurry of interest with his December 13 column in the San Francisco Chronicle. According to Herb, leaders of the gay press are meeting with Adolph Coors Co., back in Golden, Colorado, in order to resolve the gay boycott of Coors beer, and Coors has agreed to fund a study of AIDS as a good-faith gesture.

Checks to San Francisco and to Colorado show a different story. Coor's Community Action manager, John Meadows, is, in fact, trying to set up a meeting in Golden with publishers of three papers, the Advocate, the Voice, and the Sentinel, sometime in the last week of January.

Coors has not agreed to fund any new study, although they did not rule out the possibility of doing so in the future. Mr. Meadows also held out the possiblity of co-sponsoring events in various communities, benefiting the cancers of our choice or other forms of help for the gay community. He invites inquiries, and his number is 1-800-525-0308.

The three papers are, if anything, less definite about what has been, or may be, decided. The firmest reponse came from the Sentinel, who said they would "sit and talk, and hear what Coors has to say." All three said they were still juggling schedules, and none could give an indication of what it would take to end the boycott.

Coors has been boycotted by various groups over the last ten years, both formally and informally. Originally, their brewery in Golden was struck by the local union, and while the strike was underway, a decertification election was held. The striking workers were not considered employees, and the union lost.

Coors was put on the local union's "Do Not Patronize" list, and in 1974 the ban was taken up by the AFL-CIO. That boycott is still in effect, and no movement has been seen on either side for quite some time.

The gay community's interest in the boycott began with the company's practice of asking employees and applicants if they were homosexuals in lie detector tests. That practice has since been discontinued. The company and its owners continue to make political contributions, and among their beneficiaries have been right-wing opponents of gay rights. Those contributions are the major issue in the boycott today.

AIDS BASH SLATED

The largest gay social event of all time has been announced in New York in hopes of raising more than $150,000 to help fund research into Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and to provide support services for AIDS patients. The Gay Men's Health Crisis has reserved the Saturday night, April 30 performance of Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus at New York's Madison Square Garden. More than 17,500 tickets are expected to be sold.

The entire weekend will be part of "Aid for AIDS Week" and will include a wide range of social activities including special parties at gay discos and clubs in the New York metropolitan area.

Orders are now being taken by mail or phone. Further information may be obtained by calling (212) 807-7517.

VOICE OF GAY AMERICA

POINT . . . COUNTERPOINT

by Gregg Vincent

Survival should mean more than just existence. Yet to over 12 million people presently out of work nationwide, there's a constant awareness of how vast a difference there is between survival and existence.

To survive is a matter of being able to have adequate food, shelter, and clothing; to be employed and productive.

Ask the 11.2% (approximately 1.2 million) jobless in California about what it's like to be out of a job. Or the over 17.2% of Michigan's unemployed, the automotive capital of the world. Or jump across Michigan's borders to Ohio, where 14.2% of the work force is unemployed, the tire and rubber manufacturing industry there nearly being at a standstill. Or go over to Pennsylvania where 12.1% of the work force is idle as the steel and iron-ore foundries remain closed and silent.

Ask those segments of society's working class what it's like not to be able to stretch dollars because there are no more dollars left to stretch, their unemployment benefits having been exhausted months before. Or ask a group living in tents in some park how it feels to have nothing left after having sold practically all their worldly goods in an attempt to keep a roof over their heads.

Ask squatters in vacant buildings what it's like to be destitute and homeless--representatives from every trade and industry struggling to rise back up like the fabled phoenix from the ashes of their lives.

Take a good look at the man who approaches you with a, "Hey pal. Spare a buck for a meal? Hear of any jobs? Know where I can crash?" Take a good look at the owner of the outstretched hand; he may well have been long in search of work.

Who is responsible for this worst recession since The Great Depression of the '30s? How can this course, burdening so many people, be altered? How is it possible that our government allowed this to happen to so many of our people whose hopes, dreams, and lives are now badly disrupted?

Some advisers contend that the excess of imports over exports has much to do with the vast unemployment figures and suggest tighter controls and more stringent tariffs, thereby allowing our own industries to serve our needs, combating the escalating unemployment.

It is interesting to note that the top five states with the largest numbers of people out of work all have the larger part of their manufacturing and production geared to the automobile industry. Their idleness affects countless other fields.

As Detroit in particular gears its production and designs to more competitive requirements, the vast automobile industry may rally, putting hundreds of thousands back to work. Some areas have local measures and businesses offer training and part-time employment in an effort to ease the hardship of many unemployed people. These positive moves are being brought to the attention of the long arm of the political machine; but it still needs our voice not only to be heard, but to rock the capitol with its shout. What we should realize is that the government is not a separate entity, aloof and above our challenging clout. We are the government, and it is through our combined efforts, unified voice, and letters to our representatives that we can help insure the legislative changes necessary to end this deplorable state of affairs. and soon.

One voice in the stillness of the night can still set up a chorus in answer. We must start something. No longer can we afford to ignore the suffering. We all--gay or straight--have a part to play in the struggle for survival. It could affect your job next, your future, or mine. The buck stops here.

by Bob Lipe

A common assumption of political debators is that the government is the source of ecomomic wealth and prosperity. Given the present government, it is fortunate that the assumption is false.

Let's take the automobile industry as an example. It's a good example--it, and its related industries, account for a quarter of the economy. It's in disarray--the figures are ably set forth in my colleague's editorial.

Auto makers have known, and have demonstrated repeatedly in the past two years, that auto sales jumped dramatically when you chop the interest rate. They also know that the difference will come out of their profits, and so they cannot offer the special incentive indefinitely.

Consumers, wise as wolves, are aware that auto makers can't continue without sales, either. For as long as the interest rates remain in the wuthering heights, they wait for the incentives. The result is an erratic industry, and a disrupted economy.

We have developed the habit of turning to the government for the answer to economic woes. Nonsense. The government is not the answer. It is a singularly poor purchaser of goods and services.

The federal budget is written by people whose interest lies in spending money. They become very good at doing so. Howard Baker, the Senate Majority Leader, has been able to insist that the Clinch River Project go forward. Clinch River is a breeder reactor. It costs us billions of dollars, and if constructed --completion was scheduled for 1980, but it's still in the design stages--it would provide fuel for non-existent nuclear reactors. Given the mood of the nation, those reactors will never be built, and at present consumption rates, the nuclear fuel supply will last us for 150 years or so--but Clinch River supports 884 Tennesseeans and their related industries and their dependents, most of whom, presumably, vote for the good Senator. Virtually every member of Congress has an equivalent project.

The Exective Branch is hardly better. Budget requests are prepared by career bureaucrats who have two objectives: they must have enough money for any emergency, and they must spend all the money they have. The penalty for lack of preparedness is dismissal, eventually, and the penalty for saving money is a reduction in next year's budget.

The control mechanism, the auditing branch, is woefully inadequate. Less than 1000 strong, it is incapable of auditing each program at less than ten-year intervals. That, together with the rate at which new programs are created, means that virtually all audits are first-time ones, involve copious amounts of set-up work, and are a minimal threat to the bureaucrat.

The result is a holiday spree at the end of the fiscal year. Fire roads are built that nobody uses, and streets are torn up that everybody travels. Extra supplies are bought, and you take on a part-timer to cover for your absentees. People that actually want to save lives, like the NGTF with AIDS research, have to line up behind the deficits piled up by these professionals and are frequently sent away empty-handed.

How did this affect the suffering auto worker? The deficits, twelve of them in the last twelve years, mopped up the money available for lending, and bid up the interest rate. The consumer won't buy, and so the worker is out in the street. The people who really benefited are the ones who can afford to lend to the Treasury, in sums of $10,000 or greater, and typically these people camp in the park in something more substantial than a tent.

We must return the economy to the people. We must balance the budget, chopping hell out of the military and social programs, and possibly a few votes out of the ossified incumbents. That will require a constitutional amendment, because Congress will not discipline themselves. We need to extend that discipline to the civil servant.

American consumers are shrewd purchasers of goods and services. They will cheerfully pinch pennies until the pennies scream with productivity. When we give them back their paychecks, and their economy, we will have a lot fewer suffering people.

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An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report,* the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment,* of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment.* We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

For more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine to prevent it, contact your doctor, clinic, or the American Liver Foundation. 998 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (201) 857-2626.

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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

MISCELLANEA

Recently in Riverside, CA, county social services officials endorsed a gay man's request to adopt his heterosexual foster son. This unusual action cleared the way for the adoption to go to court. Afraid of setting a precedent, the social services department had previously refused to endorse or oppose the adoption.

A single substance--an extract from cottonseed oil--may turn out to be a cure for both Big G and Big H. The substance, gossypol, in China, is used as an experimental male contraceptive. Test-tube studies conducted at the University of Helsinki in Finland have shown that gossypol plays havoc with both the gonorrhea microbe and the herpes virus. Long live gossypol!

In Seattle, WA, a federal judge ruled that an openly gay GI's request for a six-year reenlistment must be processed despite a military regulation which bars homosexuals from service. Army Sgt. Perry Watkins has already served in the military for 14 years. In 1979 his gay lifestyle caused him to lose his security clearance, a matter still pending before the court.

The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology recently published a study showing that lesbians have fewer sexual dysfunctions than heterosexual women. They apparently seem mentally and medically healthier than either heterosexual women or homosexual men.

In San Francisco, the Gay Rights Advocates, a public-interest law firm which does not take legal fees from clients but instead subsists on membership payments, has changed its name to National Gay Rights Advocates. Since 1977 the NGRA has taken cases in several states involving gay rights. In the past, the law firm has been highly praised by Dianne Feinstein, Mayor of San Franciso.

According to a recent article in National Wildlife, bighorn sheep exist in an "essentially homosexual society...dominant males mount their subordinates as a symbol of power. Sheep have evolved into essentially a homosexual society because the younger males, in order to remain with the older males and learn the whereabouts of good habitat, mimic the females as if they were in heat."

BOOK REVIEW

THE ROSE EXTERMINATOR, By William Carney.

Everest House, N.Y. 317 pages, $14.95

Reviewed by Jay Harrison

If the reader can hang on for the first seventy-five pages, through William Carney's wooden style, pedantic observations on life, and grammatical errors, he will be stuck in the dark web of this sickening, yet engrossing tale.

Set in San Diego in the 1960s, it undrapes a picture of the S & M scene taken to its limits--murder and suicide. On one level, it is a mystery story, with the narrator, Scott, cast in the role of investigator. It is his ex-lover, Symonds, whose chained body is discovered hanging upside down in the house trailer of another of Scott's acquaintances, Eugene Carmichael--the chief suspect.

On another level, THE ROSE EXTERMINATOR is a none-to-clear attempt to sound the depths of dungeon sex, of intrigues within the sect, of codes most people cannot even imagine, of desires which blur the line between sanity and pathological horror.

Occasionally, Carney writes with lucidity and point, as when describing several peripheral female characters. Usually, however, the potential thrust of the narrative is mired in stiff dialogue, pretentious diction, and small essays that, like most academic writing, only serve to befuddle.

Despite its exotic subject, and the built-in suspense of a murder mystery, THE ROSE EXTERMINATOR is, finally, disappointing. Even after all the pieces of the puzzle are fitted into place, we are left, with churning stomach, holding a blank. Obviously a man of high intelligence, William Carney has not yet learned a primary law of his trade--to value scene over summary. We do not care enough for the dead because we never knew them in life.

Outside of satire, I have seldom read a book where the characters were so universally disliked by the narrator. Scott is maddeningly sanctimonious, as if his life were lily-white. But this is not satire; for on thing, it is devoid of humor. However, it is to Carney's credit that he writes with taste. Except insofar as death is vulgar, Carney never descends to the basements of pornography.

ASK UNCLE JAY

Dear Uncle Jay,

I'm 40 years old and have been with the same man (I'll call him Jim) now for more than eight years.However, I have an urge to have an affair with a neat little younger guy who seems to like me. I'm even considering leaving my long-time friend for this sweet little fellow. Yet I've so much going with Jim I am really torn apart. Please hurry with your answer.

Torn With Anxiety

Dear T.W.A.

You're probably just being flattered by the attentions of this "younger guy." (I'll call him Golddigger.) Be sure if it's merely a sexual fling that your Jim realizes that. In other words, be sincere with Jim because Golddigger probably can't be sincere with you--or anyone else, for that matter.

I'm not approving of such an affair; but if it must be, at least two of you should be honest with each other. They just don't build toys nowadays to last. (Hint.)

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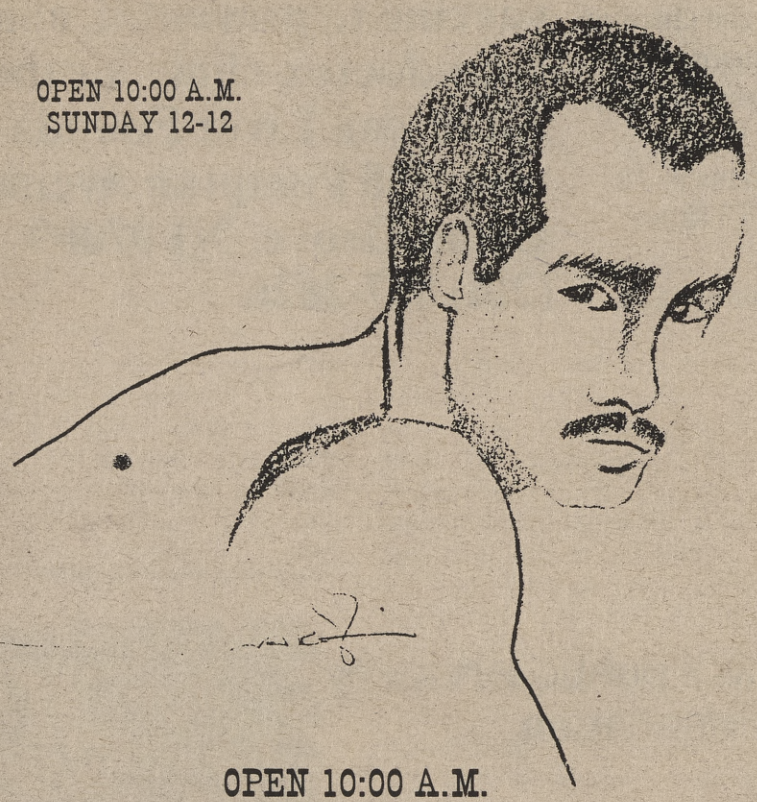

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by Dr. Patt Larr

Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 20) - A sudden windfall on the 31st takes your breath away. You start the year off with a bang. Who could ask for anything more? Yours is not to reason why. Yours is but to do and do it again, again, and again.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 18) - Lady Luck shines on you as you start the new year. Money, lovers, and the time to enjoy them are all yours for the asking. How do you do it? But grab it now while you can. Hard times are ahead.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) - It's time to go back on your diet. You've had your fun porking out; now is the time for self-discipline. Besides, you're always loved a firm muscle; and you'll never find a Big Mac if you look like a Whopper.

Aries (March 21 - April 20) - Get those finances under control! Start pinching those pennies. Don't settle for small change. Go for the big bucks. A change in the weather signals a change in your love life--snuggle closer together.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21) - The pressure to change your ways is overwhelming as you enter the new year; but, like any bull, you prefer to stop and smell the roses before you charge. Make a resolution to scissor those nasty credit cards.

Gemini (May 22 - June 20) - And you thought I forgot you last month. You weren't missing; you were merely out of sight; and this month promises more of the same. Yes, you're on the Love Boat bound for Fantasy Island, so don't stay home on Saturday nights.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) - The Sun and Mercury cuddle up with your sign to form a mad menage a trois. You never cared that much for sandwiches before, but now you take to them with relish. Better open a savings account, you party person, you.

Leo (July 23 - August 23) - You're super-perceptive right now. You and your love (lover?) read each other like a book. Will you start a new chapter of your Harlequin Romance or insert your bookmark and call it a night? It's up to you.

Virgo (August 24 - September 22) - Everyone's dying to know the real you. Let down your defences for once, and you may meet someone who'll let down your pants. Venus in your House of Health gives you the pep to party all night long.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Joint ventures get you throbbing with excitement New Year's Day. Thank your lucky starts it's a holiday and you can stay in bed. This could be the big event you've been waiting for. Go for it!

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) - Venus and Pluto have a high time playing chess with your sign right now. Will you capture a king or wind up with a tired old queen? Check your mate. It's up to you, doll face.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) - Try to have some tact when a friend confides his/her romantic problems. Keep your nose clean. Don't put your money where your mouth is and you could have a good time. Cosmic biggies expand your horizons this year, so watch out!

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for your warm words of encouragement in your article on page 10 of Volume I, Number 4 in the October 20, 1982 issue of the PATLAR GAZETTE.

"Gays Under 21" feel we would appeal to more individuals if we call the organization "Sacramento Gay Youth Group." We now turn to you for support. Could you help us get the word out? Thank you for any aid you can give us.

Sincerely yours,
Victor Estrada
Charles Smith
Organizing Chairpersons

THE CABBAGE PATCH

by Hedda Khabaj

A HEARTY STEW WITH AN ITALIAN PINCH

If the cold weather seems to get into your bones, here is a simple, hearty stew designed to warm the cockles of your heart.

Ingredients

2 envelopes of Golden Grain Minestrone Soup Mix
1 15-oz can of tomato sauce
1 15-oz can of Beef bouillon (condensed)
2 cups dry, red wine--use a Burgundy
1 lb. lean, meaty pork spare ribs, country style
1 lb. lean stewing beef
1 lb. Italian hot sausage
1 tbl. oregano or Italian spice mixture (or to taste)
1 lb. white or red potatoes
4 medium-sized carrots
1 large onion
1 lb. assorted vegetables, either fresh or frozen, avoiding turnips

Put the tomato sauce, the beef bouillon, and the red wine in an 8-qt. Dutch oven or soup kettle. Bring to a simmer. While the liquid ingredients are heating, cut all of the meat into one-inch cubes. Starting with the sausage, brown the meat in a large skillet. No oil is needed because the sausage will render enough to do the beef. By now the liquid should be simmering. Add the minestrone mix and stir. Bring to a low boil. Now add the browned meat and the oregano or spice. Cut all of the vegetables into cubes about the same size as the meat. Add to the mixture, and allow this to simmer for about 30 minutes or until potatoes and carrots are done. If you like crisper vegetables, hold back on celery, broccoli, cauliflower, and the like until about 15 minutes before serving time and then add them. If you like, you can add crushed red pepper, or black pepper, or even a clove of garlic.

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BUILDING BRIDGES
Starting A Youth Group

It started as an exercise in frustration--a young man heard about a bar that remains open, serving non-alcoholic drinks after the legal time for closing liquor bars. He walked 25 blocks, each way, late at night, for the privilege of being informed that California still wouldn't let him enter the bar until he turned 21.

Fortunately, he spoke up. His letter appeared in a local paper, the Mom...Guess What!, and drew immediate response. As far as young gays were concerned, Sacramento just didn't provide much to do. A group was proposed, and, four months later is finally being organized.

Youth groups face formidable difficulties. Starting any group is tough--people prefer to join going concerns. Academic organizations have an obvious place to recruit, but this group was to be off-campus. Legal considerations force them to consider only those over 18, and mutual interests effectively cut off membership by about 25.

Even the most active gay youth groups face problems. Coming out while you're young is frequently scarier than when you're older. You haven't had as much time to prepare your families, and you're likely to depend on them more heavily. Peer groups in high schools typically don't tolerate gays (blissfully, there are sterling exceptions) and the overwhelming majority of Gay Student Unions seem to be limited to college campuses. Even in the most tolerant environment, youth is a time when you're sorting out a lot of questions, and gayness may be one you haven't answered yet.

Given these special concerns in recruiting, over and above the ususal problems with homophobia, the young gay group has special problems with experience. Running any group requires individuals who know how to get things done, and that knowledge usually comes from on-the-job training. It's frequently hard for the younger gay to get that experience, and reliance on older gays may turn the club into a roost for the notorious chickenhawk. The hawks have destroyed more than one club.

There were advantages the embryo group enjoyed. First, and most important, there was general agreement that the group was needed. Younger gays had on-campus groups and one bar, and were delighted to have an alternative. Older gays quickly agreed. Some remembered how tough it was for them to grow up in that town.

Others, organization-service types, could see a difference in interests between older and younger gays, and liked the idea of helping to found the new group. The media--Sacramento has four gay papers--found the story was a good service project.

Two groups lent immediate support. Our River City Family, an informal, all ages, both sexes social group, provided a mailbox and ample advice. The Great Northwest Imperial Empire, a charity fundraising organization, also provided pointers; and Victor, a member of the Court who is under 21, is one of the organizers of the group.

The organizational meeting was held Dec. 6 and was limited to nine. With too many people, they would have run the risk of having lots of rules adopted by people who would promptly vanish. Too few, they were advised, and an elitist clique would form.

A Christmas Party was planned at the meeting, but the first night was mostly a get-together, get-acquainted time. Some reactions: "It wasn't so necessary to impress each other," "It was a place to be yourself, not to be a chicken," "Everyone wasn't cruising everyone--it was fun."

Some possible future directions: baseball, bowling, bike rides; speakers on gay community activities, or on STDs, or other topics; potlucks, open meetings, and joint meetings with other groups. The group is self directed--they're happy to listen to advice, but they make their own decisions.

We'll check in on the group from time to time. Meanwhile, you can contact them through Charles at 739-0985, or Victor at 391-1362.

CALL SOMEONE WHO CARES

Metropolitan Community Church is one of the fastest-growing Christian denominations anywhere. The International Headquarters are Santa Monica, and there are churches in 13 countries. Because it accepts people without regard to sexual orientation, it is one of the leading spiritual homes for gays. A listing of the local phones follows.

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Canoga Park, CA	257-8370	Fresno, CA	441-0105
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Minneapolis, MN	874-9235	Santa Monica, CA	464-5100
New Orleans, LA	899-1468	Seattle, WA	325-1872
N. Hollywood, CA	762-1133	South Tucson, AZ	622-4536
Oakland, CA	533-4848	Springfield, MO	864-8373
Oklahoma City, OK	521-8352	Stockton, CA	943-5277
Omaha, NE	345-2563	Tacoma, WA	272-2382
Phoenix, AZ	265-2831	Topeka, KS	232-6196
Pomona, CA	623-9958	Tulsa, OK	838-1715
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Redwood City, CA	368-0188	Ventura, CA	653-5291
St. Louis, MO	361-7284	Waterloo, IA	234-1981
Salt Lake City, UT	539-8303	West Hollywood, CA	748-0121
San Antonio, TX	271-7353	Wichita, KS	267-1852

NORTH BAY

Annie Gage will headline at Our Bar on December 23, starting at 9:30. There will be no cover charge. Annie is a commedienne from Seattle, and performs throughout the Northwest.

Her views of patriarchy, dieting,. and nuclear power plants are fresh and holistically healthy. Drop by and feel good about yourself.

ROBERT HINTON ON RESOLUTIONS

Every year at about this time I seem to start making a mental list of New Year's Resolutions. I don't really know exactly how the tradition began, or what end it serves. But most probably you have, in the past, written several items that you were, in the coming year, going to start or stop doing.

You may have folded the list of various uncouth, nasty, perverted, senseless, and fun habits, stuffed it into an envelope, and hid it until next year. When opened, you were reminded of how little you stuck to.

Well, folks, this year I decided not to put myself through the agony. I can't find where I hid last year's envelope because I was too smashed when I hid it.

No, 1983 feels to me as though it was the year to stop this foolishness and start living it up. Thank goodness, because if I had to go through another year of worrying and trying to remember where that damn envelope is hidden, I would never make it into 1984.

Yes, let this coming year be our year to party. Party like hell. See you next month.

LAKE COUNTY

OLD FASHIONED FEAST

A big thank you to all who came from all over and spent their Thanksgiving Holiday with us at the Lake. An old-fashioned feast of turkey and all the trimmings was enjoyed by our local community and a delightful contingent from out of town. Friday & Saturday of that weekend brought even more new people from as far away as San Francisco, Modesto, and Contra Costa County. All of us in business here want to thank all of you for the continued support we have received during the winter season.

The Cabaret is gearing up for a Gay-la New Year's Eve party. No cover, free favors, and Midnight buffet mean a great holiday weekend for everyone. Local resorts are the best gay travel bargain around. (As low as $23 for two of you with a nice warm hot-tub to take the winter chill off.) I'm told these resorts are filling up fast, so call ahead for reservations as soon as you can.

Eddie Van, well-known photographer from San Francisco, visited us recently and had such a good time his planned one-day stay turned out to be three days. Some of his award-winning photographs are now proudly on display at the Cabaret. While here, he took some pictures of some of our own local hunkies. Can't wait till he comes back again.

Speaking of artists, Gary Ostrom & his lover, Jim, will be in San Francisco where Gary will have an exclusive showing of his new paintings. Gary and Jim, former San Francisco residents, have recently bought a lakeview home right here in Glenhaven, and we're happy to say are now permanent residents. Jim, a musician, hopes to get our own local "chorus" started soon.

The weekend of January 20th promises to be a hot time around here when the gang from "Our Bar" in Vallejo comes up for their first big encampment of the year at the Lake. This promises to be the biggest group yet.

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GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS

The Gay Political Caucus reminds Texans they can register to vote the day they move into town. Registration information is available from the county office at 224-1919.

The GPC meets on first and third Wednesdays each month at 4600 Main, Suite 215, at 7:30 pm. Founded in 1975, it's one of the largest gay rights organizations in the South. They're constantly looking for volunteers, in a plethora of fields, both in and out of the closet. Tax deductions can be bought with contributions to their educational branch; and contributions to their PAC, up to $100, receive a 50% tax credit.

The GPC can be reached at 521-1000, or by mail at P.O. Box 3887, Houston TX, 77001.

GAY SWITCHBOARD CELEBRATES 1st BIRTHDAY

The Gay Switchboard of Houston celebrated its first birthday on December 22. They've handled more than 4,000 calls, asking for information, referrals, and counseling, from Houston's gay community.

The switchboard is an all-volunteer affiliate of Interact/Houston. The volunteers receive several hours of intensive training, and the next session will be in February. You can reserve a spot in the program by calling 529-3211.

The Switchboard operates 6 pm to midnight Monday through Friday, and from 3 pm to midnight Saturday and Sunday.

ARCHIVES OF TEXAS OPEN

The Gay and Lesbian Archives of Texas began opening to the public on Sunday, December 5. The collection is now available each Sunday from 1 to 5 pm at Wilde & Stein Books, 802 Westheimer.

The archives contain about 800 books, together with periodicals, video tapes, and memorabilia. The video tapes are available for a modest rental, but the other items must be used at the center. As volunteers become available, they hope to expand the hours of operation.

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AGLRC TO MOVE

The Anchorage Gay and Lesbian Resource Center will be moving from its 837 1/2 I Street address to a new location by the end of December. At press time, they were looking at a site at Fifth and Barrow. The center will still be reachable at 276-3909.

The Center's schedule remains as follows:

Sunday Al-Anon meeting 6-7pm. AA for Men 7pm.

Monday Gay AA 8pm.

Tuesday Lesbian Support Group 6:15-7:15pm.

Wednesday Lesbian and Gay AA 8pm.

Friday Gay AA 8pm.

Saturday Rap Group 7-8pm.

PHOENIX

Bill Folk, director of the Alternative Relations Center, announced ARC's regular schedule. Chaps will meet each Sunday at 7:30 pm to perfect their dance routines. There's a rap group every Monday and a youth group on Tuesdays, both meeting at 7:30 pm also. The Concert Band practices Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Parents and Friends of Gays meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm.

The ARC also maintains an information and assistance hotline at (602) 274-0927.

TUCSON

Gay Christian Outreach Services (GCOS) is operating a 24-hour hotline. The number is 792-3772, and it's for anyone in Tucson who's in a crisis, troubled, or just needs someone to talk to. GCOS is the group that brought the film, "Pink Triangles," to Arizona. They have business meetings every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the MCC, corner of Tenth Ave. and 35th St.

Also at MCC are the Gay Parents meetings, every Friday at 7:00 pm. Regular services are Sundays at 9:45 am. Bible study: 10:45 am, 2:30 pm, and 7:30 pm worship. A second Bible study group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, and midweek services are on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

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CORRECTION

Last issue we reported that the Knights of Malta were hosting a benefit dinner on November 16 for the senior citizens of Reno. The dinner was in fact held December 16. Our apologies.

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Congratulations to Sacto's Mistresses, Carol and Kathy. They won GNIE's Community Awareness Award. The award was unanimous, and was given for their work with Gay Vote '82. This reporter wouldn't have dared to award the trophy to anyone else, either.

GNIE has elected Carol McFarland, Past Imperial Grand Marquessa, to be its President of the Board. Carol will be the first non-monarch to assume the Protectorship since Cromwell. The Court of Rawley Hills returned from Modesto's coronation with the first place theme trophy, despite a ramp that collapsed before H.I.M., the astonishing Billie. It gave a whole new meaning to the expression "a damsel in dis dress."

The Grand Duke and Duchess Ball will be held at Turn Verein Hall on January 22. The theme will be "It's a Party--Look to the Stars," but catty comments about noses in the air are not appreciated. Tickets are $7 advance, $9 at the door. You can disturb Their Serenities most evenings at the Audience Hall, the Merc.

The Valley Knights' Christmas show was a big success. This reporter squeezed in at ticket #412, and there was a line behind me. Jack of the Wreck Room took first place in the talent competition with his band, Krash. The second act's highlight was an opera star, Curtis, who was called back for an encore. Everybody expects the leather fraternity to go bonkers over one of its own, but it was really nice to see them just as appreciative of an artist in another field.

The GAZETTE extends our thanks to the Star, LGPU, and the Lambda Media Association for a fine evening with the editors of the Advocate, Robert McQueen, and Pat Califia.

Earlier in this column, we reported that Everett was organizing Gays Under 21, with the sponsorship of ORCF and the Court. That's no longer the case. The Court and the Family have broken connections with Everett, and the group is now the Sacramento Gay Youth Group. (See page 7.) Our apologies to anyone who may have been inconvenienced.

Tony Hoffman

THE STEAMWORKS

Dick Cogdorn, manager of The Steamworks, Sacramento, announced an orientation night on Tuesday, December 28. The house will be free from 4 to 8 pm, lockers, rooms, and a keg of beer included.

While you're "resting," you might check out some of the new features. The pool is under an air bag now--it has a mechanical blower at one end, and it stays up without other encouragement. It really steams up in the cold nights, like your car window. The whole thing resembles a waterbed, except, of course, this reporter has never needed a waterbed that size. Shameless.

The video room now shows movies with dialog. Some recent selections were "Mommie Dearest" and "Love Story."

The weight room has added a masseur, Heath. Cliff reports the longest he's ever seen him do one guy was 3 1/2 hours. Shorter appointments are available. He is licensed, and unlike our puns, we hear he's pretty good.

The restless have been enjoying the entertainment zones in the maze and the bunkhouse. Space has been reserved for a sling room, but that is still in the future.

Other houses in the chain are showing changes as well. Fresno has put in a spa, and Berkeley's remodeling is nearly done. Waikiki continues to do a land-office business.

MAN TWO MAN TALK

On Sunday, November 21, several members of Man Two Man made the Second Annual Trip to Calaveras Big Trees State Park for a potluck Thanksgiving dinner. The men car-pooled from Sacramento for the 1 1/2 hour trip. The cloudy weather provided an excellent backdrop for the light covering of snow on the ground.

While few forest fairies were in evidence, there were many raccoon families seeking a handout. The men who attended the function agreed that the companionship and food were great, the scenery beautiful, and the event fully as successful as the first trip. Plans are aready being made for the Third Annual Trip in 1983.

Recently, two regular participants of Man Two Man presented a beer- tasting event at a Wednesday Evening Social. A variety of domestic and foreign beers were presented and their merits were weighed and discussed. Men who want to meet others with whom to socialize are encouraged to attend Man Two Man functions. A $2 donation is requested from guests to help defray operating expenses. A calendar of events is shown below. Additional information may be obtained by calling (916) 391-9755.

December

20	MON	Movies at Home (Bring Munchies)
22	WED	Social: Christmas Sing-Along
29	WED	Social: Open Night

January

5	WED	Social: Discussion: What Constitutes being a user?
10	MON	Movies at Home (Bring Munchies)
12	WED	Social: Games Night (Bring Your Favorite Game)
19	WED	Social: Potluck Dinner
24	MON	Movies at Home (Bring Munchies)
26	WED	Social: Open Night

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ERNIE BROWN

VIEWS FROM

RIVER CITY

There are plenty of festivities planned with you in mind in River City. If you're not partied out, you can still catch the tail end of the twelve days of Christmas at the Club 21 and snack on Jim's hot hors d'oeuvres. Chris (Club 21), what's this gleam in your eye? Romance?

Ms. Irene, what did you have to do to get front-row seats at Johnny Mathis' show?

BoJangles' New Year's Eve party will have pro entertainment, free champagne (well, it's included), and door prizes--two tickets to Hawaii. $8 cover. Congratulations to Terry on the new liquor license--that's an accomplishment. I was out at BoJay's the other night for the J.J. Van Dyke and Michael Lee show, and it was very entertaining. It's good to see some live shows every now and then. Terry tells me they are having them both back soon. Watch for dates.

Hats off to Anna and LaKish of the Merc for their benefit drive, and to GNIE for theirs. Not only was it nice to raise food and money, but it was fun doing it. LaKish, I hope you left Las Vegas in the same pieces that you found it. Anna is still conducting Kate Smith's God Bless America. Good night, Walter. Veraburger has jilted us for San Jose, and we wish him, or them, luck. Randella in drag at the Rose had Wayne passing out.

The Wreck Room's Second Anniversary was a big success, and you should've tried to squeeze in there after the Valley Knights' show. Tim, we're going to miss you. While I was over there the other day, I heard the Boy's Town Gang, Margaret Reynolds, Yvonne Elliman, and Louverde, who can be seen on "Dance Fever" this month. Then I heard that these people are all on Moby Dick Records and Dick Bonaiuto is the Vice-President of that company--and I've met him. He's one of the club. Moby Dick labels can be found at the following places: Ron's Records, 2354 Market St.; Tower Records, Sacto; and, for our east-coast readers, Strawberry (Boston); University District, Philadelphia; Tower Records, New York; Import-o-Disc, New York; W.I.N. Records, Long Island City, NY. If music hath charms to soothe the savage beast, then we love you, Sumi beast, and so on.

Rita, baby, you are looking good. Everyone is talking about the good times they are having at the Diamond Butterfly. Keep up the good works. They'll be having a Christmas Ham Shoot on the 23rd, and a big bash on New Year's Eve. $5 cover, 8 to 2 am. Look forward to a new pool tournament after the first of January.

Frank, what's this new addition to your dance floor at the Broadway? It's a nice touch. Your two new DJ's know how to use it, too.

Warning: There's a young man who frequents most of the bars in town who and has sticky fingers. Be careful when you leave your money on the bar. Most of the bar-tenders know who he is, and of course, he knows who he is, too. "Let your fingers do the walking doesn't include with other people's money." I hope the word to the wise is enough.

Ms. Sanchez, open the sliding glass doors first. What's this I hear? Bobbette and Turk are going steady? It sounds like another romance on wheels. Bobbette, I overheard the other night that every time Liz Taylor waddles through the door at McDonalds, the numbers change.

The Power Plant is keeping that huge expanse of dance floor full every night.

The Parking Lot is having a Christmas Eve dance, starring an all-female band just off a road tour, The Angel Fox. They've obtained a permit to stay open all night long on New Year's Eve. That night, they'll have the Whalin Black Band with Becky Walker, Angel Fox, a DJ, and a breakfast buffet. Cover is $10 advance, $12 at the door, and $5 after 2 am on New Year's Day. You won't need your ID after 2 am, either.

Marci, you don't have to kill for a drink. Talk about the mouth that roared. Mon Dieu. Dennis the Redhead, bring your pillow to the bar--it will make your head much more comfortable. Clara Bell and Ellie, it was good to see you. Don't stay away so long.

I had a great time at Anna Marie's Christmas Party on the 19th. If you weren't there, you should've been.

Happy Holidays to the entire staffs of the Rambler, the Sacramento Star, the Mom...Guess What, the GAZETTE, and most of all, my readers. See you next year.

THE CIRCUT RIDER

by Gerry Wortman

Up in the hills, not too far from here, is my parents' home. They're at about 3,000 feet, not quite the mountains, but well up into the pines. I spent the holidays with them.

They had a surprise waiting for me--my grandmother. She was born in 1889--think of the changes she's seen! Not only were cars not invented when she was born, they were none too common when she was married. I'm a child of the television. Not only does Grandma remember live TV, and radio--she remembers live variety shows. Not too many--she's very Baptist. Always has been.

We sat down to dinner, the four of us: Mom, Dad, Grandma, and me. Barney was elsewhere occupied. Barney is legally a beagle. It's not a distinction that has too much meaning to him.

I was surprised not to see Barney at the table. He has his own place--the Seat Called Hopeful. Must be getting old--he's ten now, which is seventy-something for a dog. He'll catch Grandma sooner or later.

We ate, of course. Mom says she is ten pounds overweight. She eats a diet that would starve a parakeet. Always has done. We talked her into another brussel sprout.

She told me I was looking thinner, and made my day. I've been working on it. I had to have another sprout, too. The German for them means "rose cabbage." Grandma is big on languages.

We got Grandma going on the old days. Maple sugar, I'm informed, was made in the early spring, and never in the late winter. Dad interjected here--sugaring is bad for lumber (he's a forester). Stains the wood.

Grandma knitted her first stockings when she was six years old. Black wool, hand spun. She never did hear the end of it--apparently Great-Grandma was tired of knitting for her and heaped up the praise. Explains where I got the editorial "we."

I convinced Grandma that she had foolishly and presumptiously challenged the lot of us to a game. We played one where you have to guess each other's word, letter by letter. Walloped us, too. I was surprised that Dad didn't do better--he plays a lot of Scrabble. Always has done. He even kept score, and that worries me. Honesty worries an editor.

We got Mom to play the organ so that Barney would sing. This is Art. You've

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WOMAN TWO WOMAN GROUP FORMS

In response to requests from women for an additional way to meet and socialize, Woman Two Woman is being established by Patlar Enterprises. The group will start in February 1983. For the past two years, the gay-owned firm has operated the highly successful Man Two Man which has provided men a way to form same-gender relationships.

Woman Two Woman will meet in the downtown area of Sacramento. Women will have an opportunity to meet and become acquainted while sharing interesting life experiences. For additional information, call (916) 391-9755.

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never seen a contemporary singer put all the pain and suffering into philosophizing about Darling that Barney puts into Clementine. Only song he knows.

He's not too big on the lyrics, but then, neither is the singer. Don't get mad--you can't understand opera, and they call that art, too.

They say the mountains make us high and pure and moral, and that the family is supposed to be the keeper of our virtue. I don't know if that's true--I don't know anyone else qualified to talk about my morals.

It is pretty up there, though. And I hadn't seen my Grandma for six years.

I don't imagine very much of this is newsworthy, but too many of you don't have families. Thought you might want to borrow one for a bit.

Happy New Year.

MODESTO

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

MCC, the Silver Sapphire Court, and the Stanislaus Gay Alliance will host a New Year's Eve Dance on the thirty-first, at St. Stanislaus Hall, 1416 Maze Blvd. Complimentary champagne and a buffet will be served, and a no-host bar will be provided. Tickets are $7.50 advance, $10 at the door, and the doors open at 8.

Diana Kuderna and Baldwin's Antiques are cooperating to establish a lesbian/feminist bookstore. It's at 705 I St., in a back alcove of Baldwin's, and open six days a week. The selection of about 150 titles features mostly small-press releases, with fiction, visual arts, young people, and books by lesbians and women of color.

Celebration offers Masses for gays and their friends every first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information, or for counseling, call Father Richard Forti at 634-5432.

The Women's Resource Center celebrated their second anniversary December 10 in their new location. The new address is 1700 McHenry Village Way, Suite 18. You can also contact them by phone at 576-0659.

LETTERS FROM THE CLOSET

Dear Dr. Hamilton,

I was driving home in the drizzle, at two o'clock this morning, when I saw a car in the left turn lane, dead in the water, with all lights out.

It turned out that the driver was from out of town, had a dead battery, and didn't know where to go at that hour.

We managed to push his tank into a parking lot. I had no jumper cables, and neither did any of the cars we flagged. The only places open at that hour were convenience stores, and they had unlisted numbers.

I ended up driving him home, or rather to his motel. I had just read a newspaper article about someone who came out while changing a helpless motorist's tire, and I had a similar speech ready.

"Thanks, but I don't want your money. When someone bad-mouths gays, I want you to tell them about tonight. I'm gay."

We got to his motel, he did offer the money, and I did refuse it. I didn't make my little speech. He might have thought I wanted his bed, not his money; and well, I just didn't say it.

I did manage to feel pretty good, though. All the way home.

Gerry

CORMAN IS NEW DIRECTOR

Ms. Tanyan Corman has been named the new director of the West Coast Regional Office of the Gay Rights National Lobby.

Corman, a community organizer in San Luis Obispo, CA for gay rights and feminist issues, was on the California Democratic State and County Central Committees before moving to San Francisco in March to work as the Assistant Regional Director. Corman's background includes involvement in the civil rights and labor union movements, the No on 6 Campaign in California, and four months as an intern with a Congressional sub-committee in Washington, D.C.

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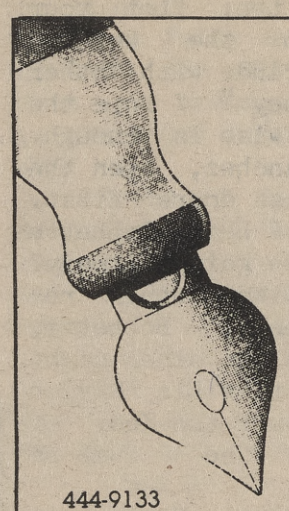

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS

The Parents & Friends of Gays group met on November 21 at the home of Harlan Adams, with Supervisor Jane Dolan, the guest speaker. Ms. Dolan's political career began at Chico State University where she became the first woman Student Body President, defeating a popular male athlete of that era. Her first venture into city politics was in 1972 when she ran for County Supervisor and lost by a mere 500 votes. However, in 1978 she ran against the same opponent and won by twice the vote by which she had originally been defeated. Just recently, she was again re-elected for another four year term.

The same question that was asked of S. Enoch, the October speaker, pertaining to adopting an ordinance against minorities was put to her. Her answer indicated that there will soon be such an ordinance due mainly to the recent Nazi problem in Oroville.

Ms. Dolan grew up in Butte County, one of seven children of Bill Dolan. She mentioned that as a child she was always introduced as one of Bill Dolan's kids, but that now it's her Dad who is introduced as Jane Dolan's father.

Ms. Dolan was also asked whether she would be willing to have the gay community visibly back her campaign, should she run for re-election. She responded that she would be more than happy for their support. In fact, during her last campaign there was a fund raiser held for her at the bar, 900 Cherry. This affair had a good attendance and Ms. Dolan was available to answer any questions or listen to any grievances.

The next meeting on December 19 will feature Mayor Mardi Worley as guest speaker. Other guests will include Harlan Adams' son and his companion of ten years who are coming from Mexico to spend the holidays. He has promised to give us some interesting insights into gay life in Mexico. This meeting will also be a Holiday Pot Luck for members and guests.

A very fine workshop on sexuality was held at the University on November 13 for the physically handicapped. Parents and Friends were asked to participate by providing a booth with appropriate literature, etc. This workshop proved to be a very interesting and worthwhile endeavor. It was noted that while the physically handicapped suffer feelings of frustration and isolation, the gay person has many of the same problems. In fact, one physically handicapped person took this opportunity to "come out" and discussed his own frustrations and needs.

Another meeting was held at Bob's home on November 23 and our new "Hotline" was discussed. The speaker was Alan S. of Family Services Association. He spoke of the Association's usage of their "Hotline" and how it might be used in conjunction with ours as far as referrals. He admitted he had been a little apprehensive in accepting the invitation to speak, but hastened to add that now having met and talked with all of us he would feel completely comfortable in referring gay problems to our "Hotline." He also distributed a kit giving a complete list of current referrals that his Association uses. We would more than welcome any professional volunteer from Northern California who would be willing to be on our referral list. The "Hotline" number is 891-5718.

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Lady Ashley

KNOW YOUR PHOBIAS

By Jay Johnson

Recently in a local establishment, I overheard a discussion about phobias. That discussion was so interesting and unusual that I thought I would list a few phobias for you. Remember, a phobia is an irrational (not based on reason) fear. A person may realize its irrationality, but nevertheless, she or he is unable to dispel it.

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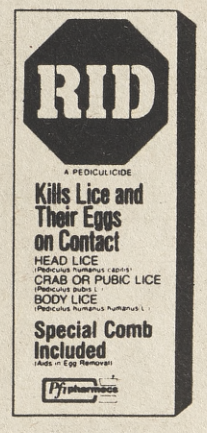

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Approval for the proposal was passed by the Board of Supervisors. In a separate action, the city Retirement Board awarded $5,500 in benefits to the lover of the late Supervisor Harvey Milk, slain in 1978. Both actions were unprecedented, even in San Francisco where the gay population is estimated to be in excess of 100,000 men and women.

The domestic-partners legislation was condemned by various Protestant pastors, the Board of Rabbis of Northern California, and Archbishop John Quinn of the Catholic Archdiocese. Opponents argued that passage of such legislation would erode the value of the common public moral heritage inherent in marriage.

It is estimated that about 10 percent of San Francisco's 33,000 employees would have benefited from the domestic-partners legislation. Feinstein indicated her intent to support new legislation that would recognize enduring relationships between homosexual or unmarried heterosexual couples.

Angry gay leaders charged that the Mayor vetoed the legislation to enhance her chances for the Democratic Vice-Presidential nomination in 1984. As a result of her action, the Human Rights Campaign Fund withdrew its invitation to Feinstein to be the keynote speaker at a major fundraiser in Houston.

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"The Boat is Full," a 1982 Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Film, details the attempts of a group of Hitler refugees to find sanctuary in Switzerland at the time the Swiss set up stringent immigration policies. The story is about their treatment by the Swiss civilians and soldiers. Several desperate attempts to escape exile are made during the development of the plot, and the anguish and exhaustion forced upon this group is often simply inhuman. Nothing seems to work. Deportation seems inevitable when a member of the group sets out on one last rescue attempt.

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by Ed. E. Kett

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Edsel

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Dear Mr. Kett,

My lover has a most annoying habit. Whenever we are out to dinner, Alex will take a bite of his meal and offer me a taste of it on the end of his fork. At times he will extend his arm almost all the way across the table so that I may gobble up this morsel of his meal. I have told him that real men don't eat quiche, and they also don't eat from one another's forks, but he feels I'm just being priggish. I'm sure he'd listen to you. What do you think? Mummy and Daddy also find this practice especially unsettling.

Sincerely,
Ashley

Dear Ashley,

Obviously the sight of you enjoying your lover's food works as an aphrodisiac for him. Feel flattered, but I would ask him to confine these activities to your home(s). This sight can have a disruptive effect

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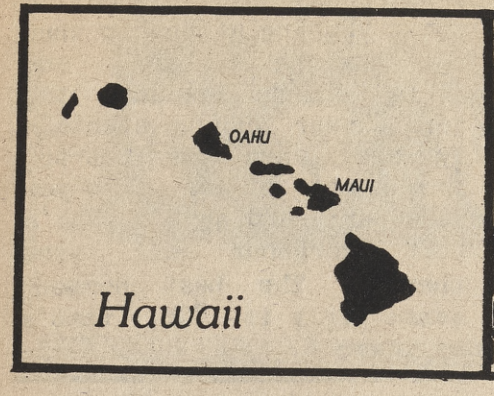

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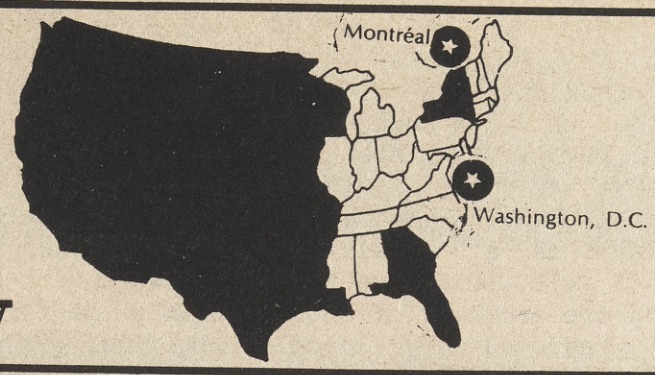

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by DeWitt Hoard

Growing up black in America made me replete with questions about my world. Not only did I question the inequalities between the races, but intra-racial inhumanity also confused and bothered me. As a child, I was frequently the object of my peers' insensitivity. I remember being taunted by neighborhood youth hurling epithets at me such as sissy and punk. Black community leaders took a nonchalant attitude toward my dilemma saying it was only natural that I would have problems since I was from a broken home. That children growing up without a father in the home were predisposed to failure in all walks of life was the mode of thought at that time. Only of late has research shown that father-absence is not necessarily associated with achievement and identity cost for black male youngsters.

I can remember having homosexual feelings in high school which I could not act upon, being aware of how the community felt about same-sex relationships. So I repressed these emotions and dated girls with a fervor. But I could never subscribe to the womanizer attitude most of my peers enjoyed. Neither could I disclose my sentiments about their position for fear of their wrath.

It was not until I was graduated from college and was living on my own that I found the courage to visit gay bars. However, at first I would not associate with black gays in the bars for fear of them somehow informing the black community of my actions--a revelation that I felt would have fulfilled the prophecy of those who predicted my doom. Nevertheless, I actively continued to pursue gay life, being careful to keep that life separate from my life within the black community.

Let me digress at this point to illustrate the effect community sentiment had on my vocation. In an attempt to find answers for those nagging questions of my youth, I studied sociology and chose social work as a career. My goal was to work with youth who, like myself, had grown up without a father in the home and who, like myself, had problems getting along with their peers. But when I chose to act upon my gayness, I felt limited in the impact I could have with black youth because of the black community's view of homosexuality. When working within the black community, I left my gay identity at home; and at home I covered up my gayness whenever people from the black community visited--especially the youth with whom I worked.

Although this schizoid existence never felt right to me, I maintained a dual life and even resigned several positions from fear of disclosure. Eventually I decided to come out to my clients. I particularly remember one parent with whom I thought I had developed a good working relationship. She was having truancy problems with her teen-aged son and wanted me to counsel him. I told this parent that I was gay in order to give her the choice about whether or not to have me work with her son. She thanked me for being honest with her but said that because she was a Christian and wanted her son to grow up "normal" she preferred I not work with him.

However, since that disheartening experience, I have found a need for my services within the black lesbian and gay community. There are still those black youths who need the understanding that I and other gay helping professionals have been trained to give.

It is time for the black community to re-think their position on homosexuality and to give support to those enlightened leaders who are beginning to endorse gay rights. Black gays should not only support these forward-thinking blacks, but should also support black gay professionals who are trying to take leadership roles within the black community for which they have been trained. I feel that whenever possible, black gays should voice their stories so that black gay youth embarking on the gay lifestyle will know there are indeed black gays who have not only already been though the problems they are experiencing, but who are trying to make life as meaningful as possible for themselves and their community. Black homosexuals, careerist and professionals, have been covertly involved in the building of the black community. They will continue, hopefully, with less need to lead separate identities when doing so.

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Dear Mr. Kett,

How do I introduce my new lover? I tend to side with Dear Abby--to introduce someone as your "lover" tells others more information than they may want to know. But what other terms are there? The word "friend" doesn't adequately describe our relationship. Your thoughts, please.

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Katherine

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